

BCS Teesside & District Committee meeting

Thursday 7 Feb 2008

Venue

Digital Knowledge Exchange offices, Phoenix Building, 6.30 -8.30

Present:

Alan Jones (AJ), Dave Binns (DB), Dave Fuller (DF)

Apologies:

Andrew Lumley (AL), Graham Evans (GE), Craig Bates (CB),

Alan Hunter (AH), Alan Shaw (AS),

Claire Donlan (CD), Alan Hunter (AH), Erika Downs (ED), Simon Boardman (SB)

1. Previous Minutes - 10 Jan 2007 agreed as accurate.

2. Matters Arising
 - The idea of podcasting the meetings was rejected and we will re-visit if required or research the concept.

3. Money planning
 - 3.1. With Erika not present we are not aware of any outstanding issues but we are in danger of not spending all our money by the end of May.

 - 3.2. Next year to spend more money we perhaps need 3 meetings at the parkmore and travel around for the other 3 meetings, perhaps Middlesbrough / Darlington and Sunderland. Identify another hotel and use those in addition to the Parkmore.
ACTION FOR ALL: identify good hotels with conference facilities

 - 3.3. Increase budget for Parkmore food –
ACTION AJ

4. Future Events
 - Feb 20th - Visit to Trinity Mirror Printing Works
We are asking people to register for this meeting on the riverside Middlesbrough. DB has updated the website accordingly.
ACTION ALL : Can committee members respond by the 15th if they intend to come to this meeting.
ACTION AJ : to come up with description for this meeting.

 - 16th April – Global Trading speak.
ACTION CD: Claire to get some details for the evening from Craig.

 - 7th May – AGM Speaker required.

ACTION AJ: Sean Price, Chief Constable of Cleveland Police

ACTION DF: chasing: Oracle

Possible ideas for future meetings.

- AL has offered to speak about the IT infrastructure.
- Swindon sent a flyer from a security company who will do a presentation about security.

5. YPG planning

Jan 08 update - Craig B reported difficulty of communication with Animex organisers. It looks like our YPG launch will be May-time when there are warm evenings.

6. Project Blue Board

Alan Jones has created a functional specification, discussed at this meeting.

DB has forwarded version 2 of the document to DF and AJ

ACTION DF : to create project plan with milestones and dates.

Next meeting

6 March 2008 – 6.30pm – Possibly in a pub with a back room